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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Procedure-
Examining Group 3731
PATENT
CASE NO. 10593-4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Emin Tuncay Ustuner

Serial No.: 09/814,422

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: AUTOMATIC SURGICAL
SUTURING INSTRUMENT
AND METHOD

Examiner: B. Pantuck

Group Art Unit: 3731

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated Jan. 29, 2004, please consider the following remarks: